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Capital Planning Committee

Meeting Memorandum

June 6, 2002

In attendance were:

- * Steve Andrew
- John Bilafer (late)
- * John FitzMaurice
- Charles Foskett, Chairman
- * Nancy T. Galkowski
- Dave Kale
- Anthony Lionetta
- Ruth Lewis

Barbara Thornton (via phone)

Others present: Teresa DeBenedictis for Nancy Galkowski

*Denotes those not in attendance.

1. Fire Station Study

Charlie Foskett indicated to the members that he had attended a hearing before the Board of Selectmen on June 3, 2002 on the Fire Station study. The Board of Selectmen, after hearing from the audience and receiving a petition signed by 2,000 residents voted to replace all three fire stations with Park Circle being the first to be replaced. C. Foskett presented the opinion of the Capital Planning Committee which was to proceed with the Central Fire Station in the first year.

On a motion by C. Foskett it was voted, 5 yes, 0 no and 1 abstention to change the Capital Budget and Plan to reflect the vote of the Board of Selectmen.

2. Robbins Farm

The Parks and Recreation Commission requested that the capital requests be changed for next year to reflect the need to proceed with the Robbins Farm improvements at one time. The commission is requesting that Locke Playground, \$175,000 be moved to FY 04 and the Robbins Farm be moved to FY 03, \$150,000.

Committee members discussed the issue of the designs of the plans for parks and playgrounds escalating beyond the projected cost allocation. As an example Spy Pond was been budgeted for \$1,000,000 and the designer has presented a plan for \$1,900,000. The designer is also estimating a cost of \$1,300,000 for the Robbins Farm project. Given the fiscal constraints the Capital Planning Committee is concerned with these price escalations. Tony Lionetta would be attending the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting this evening to discuss this issue with them. The CPC does not agree to any increase in the projected funding of these projects.

On a motion by C. Foskett, it was voted 5 yes, 0 no and 1 abstention to swap the Locke Playground for the Robbins Farm, that there would be no increase in funding levels, and that T.Lionetta would go to the Parks and Recreation commission meeting to express the concerns of the committee that the current plan may be too rich.

Next meeting is at the call of the Chair.